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For: OXYGEN SCAVENGERS WITH
REDUCED OXIDATION PRODUCTS
FOR USE IN RIGID BEVERAGE AND
FOOD CONTAINERS

Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: Sandra M. Nolan

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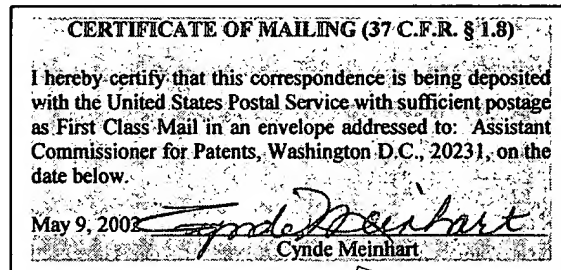
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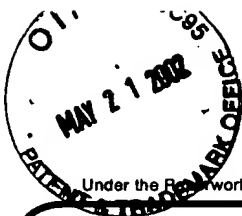
In the Claims

Amend claim 1, to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A multi-layer rigid container for food or beverage packaging comprising at least an inner layer providing substantially all of the interior surface of the rigid container, an outer layer and a core layer substantially coextensive between the inner layer and the outer layer, wherein the inner and outer layers are comprised of an aromatic polyester or copolyester, and wherein the core layer is comprised of (i) an oxygen scavenging



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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment

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- b. ☐ Other _____

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